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July 21, 2003

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Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Restoration and Management Plan which has been proposed for funding to the Conservancy by the Laguna De Santa Rosa Foundation.

As you may know, the Laguna is a unique complex of critical habitat for migratory waterfowl and many rare, threatened and endangered species. It presents many opportunities for restoration, public education and recreation and is a key determinant of water quality in the main stem of the Russian River.

The Foundation's collaborative approach to creating the Restoration and Management Plan will build public momentum for accomplishment of conservation, water quality and flood control objectives on the part of federal, state and local jurisdictions. It will create standards for restoration projects, outline best management practices for lands in the Laguna, and will create the context for the long-term restoration and preservation of this unique North Coast resource.

I strongly support this project and urge that the Conservancy fund the project to the greatest degree possible. Thank you for considering my views in this matter.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO,  
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July 3, 2003

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
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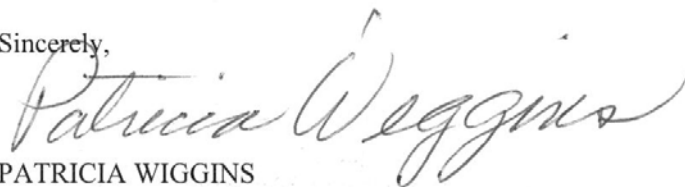
Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to express my strong support for the application of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation for funding of the foundation's comprehensive Restoration and Management Plan for the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

The Laguna is the largest complex of freshwater wetlands on the North Coast of California, and a pivotal area of habitat for migratory waterfowl and rare, threatened and endangered species (including listed salmonids and the California tiger salamander). It is a primary source of sediment in the Russian River and is itself 303(d) listed as impaired for sediment, temperature and nutrients by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Restoration of the Laguna has long been a high priority of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and will serve the habitat, water quality and flood-control goals of federal, state and local jurisdictions.

I will follow up with a phone call to discuss this matter with you. Thank you for considering my thoughts in this matter.

Sincerely,



PATRICIA WIGGINS  
Assemblymember, 7<sup>th</sup> District

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cc: Mark Green, Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

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July 22, 2003

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing to urge your support for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Restoration and Management Plan proposed by the Laguna De Santa Rosa Foundation.

The Laguna is the largest complex of freshwater wetlands on the North Coast. This complex of ponds, creeks, vernal pools, marshes, wetlands and oak woodlands provides critical habitat to thousands of migratory waterfowl and many rare, threatened and endangered species. It is also a key determinant of water quality in the main stem of the Russian River. The Laguna is an important natural resource in the 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly District and a treasure for all Californians. It offers many opportunities for restoration, public education and recreation.

I believe that the Foundation's collaborative approach to creating the Restoration and Management Plan will build public support for accomplishment of conservation, water quality and flood control objectives on the part of federal, state and local jurisdictions. It will create standards for restoration projects, outline best management practices for lands in the Laguna, and create the context for the long-term restoration and preservation of this unique North Coast resource.

I strongly support this project and encourage the Conservancy to fund it fully. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

PATTY BERG  
Assemblymember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

cc: Mark Green, Resource Development Director, Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

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### Memorandum

To : Sam Schuchat  
Executive Officer  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Date: July 14, 2003

From : Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager   
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

Subject : Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation Funding

The Central Coast Region of the California Department of Fish and Game supports the application of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation (Foundation) for funding through the Coastal Conservancy of the Foundation's comprehensive Restoration and Management Plan for the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

The study work proposed by the Foundation will link with the Department's restoration goals in the Laguna, and the Department intends to participate in the framing and creation of this plan. The Foundation's Restoration and Management Plan will provide critical information for our parcel-specific management plans for Department properties in the Laguna, streamline our internal planning and create an ecosystem-wide context for accomplishment of the Department's habitat goals in the Laguna. The Laguna is one of the largest freshwater wetlands on the north coast of California.

Please contact Jim Swanson, Supervising Biologist, at (707) 944-5528 if you would like more information about our reasons for supporting the Foundation's application. Thank you for considering the interests of the Department in this matter.

cc: Mark Green  
Resource Development Director  
The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation  
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October 28, 2003

Sam Schuchat  
Executive Officer  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

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Dear Mr. Schuchat:

The Laguna de Santa Rosa is a high preservation priority in the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's (the District) *Acquisition Plan 2000*, and is widely recognized as one of the most biologically diverse regions of Sonoma County. Unfortunately, this ecological system has been impacted and would greatly benefit from continued preservation and restoration efforts. Thus, the District supports the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation's *Laguna Restoration and Management Plan* project. It is our intention to participate in the project, including in-kind contribution of staff time for GIS mapping of natural resources.

The District and its conservation partners, including the Sonoma Land Trust, have cooperated to preserve key properties in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. In addition, the District has been supportive of and participated in related Conservancy-funded efforts, including the Laguna Foundation and Sonoma Land Trust's Laguna de Santa Rosa Resource Atlas and Protection Plan.

We look forward to continuing this collaboration with the Foundation, the Land Trust, and other public agencies and interested citizens to develop a framework for restoring and managing Laguna properties as a coordinated, healthy ecosystem.

Thank you for considering our interests as you deliberate proposed funding for the Foundation's project.

Best regards,

Andrea Mackenzie  
General Manager